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SUBJECT: DEATH AND SHIPMENT OF REMAINS OF GAIL RUBIN

REF: TEL AVIV (A) 3292; (B) 3308; (C) 3316; (D) 3458

1. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, EMBASSY MADE EVERY EFFORT TO IDENTIFY THOSE INJURED AND KILLED DURING THE MARCH 11 TERRORIST ATTACK. ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 12, EMBASSY LEARNED FROM ISRAELI NATIONAL POLICE THAT ONE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE ATTACK WAS PRESUMED TO BE US CITIZEN, GAIL RUBIN (REFTEL (A)).

2. CONOFF SPENT THE DAY OF MARCH 12 ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH WHETHER THE DECEASED WAS GAIL RUBIN. CONOFF LEARNED THAT A COUSIN, MRS. MARY RUTH KROSNY, RESIDENT IN JERUSALEM, WAS EN ROUTE TO THE TEL AVIV MORUTARY TO IDENTIFY THE REMAINS. IT WAS NOT UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MORNING, HOWEVER, THAT MRS. KROSNY RESPONDED TO THE EMBASSY'S REPEATED REQUESTS FOR IDENTIFICATION OF HER COUSIN. AT THE SAME TIME, MRS. KROSNY STATED THAT THE ISRAELI CONSULATE GENERAL AT NEW YORK WAS MAKING ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE RETURN OF MISS RUBIN'S REMAINS TO NEW YORK.

3. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO ASSURE MR. RASKIN THAT AT NO TIME DID THE EMBASSY OFFER "TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR THE BODY" OF MISS RUBIN TO THE U.S. ON THE CONTRARY, COSTS OF TRANSPORTATION WERE DESCRIBED IN REFTEL (B).
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4. THE EMBASSY FIRST LEARNED OF THE GOI'S INTENT TO FLY THE REMAINS BACK TO THE U.S. "WITH APPROPRIATE HONORS" ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 14, AND THE REPORTED SAME IN REFTEL (D).

5. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE RETURN OF MISS RUBIN'S REMAINS WERE ALMOST ENTIRELY CONCLUDED BY THE GOI. EMBASSY'S

CONTRIBUTION WAS LIMITED TO THE AUTHENTICATION OF THE
CONSULAR MORTUARY CERTIFICATE MARCH 15 AND OFFICIAL
REPRESENTATION AT THE AIRPORT DEPARTURE CEREMONY,
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